

On page 10, line 6, change "can" to --may--.

On page 10, line 7, change "can" to --may--.

On page 10, line 13, change "can" to --may--.

On page 10, line 17, change "all" to --sum--.

On page 10, line 19, change "can" to --may--.

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

Delete line 1, and insert:

-- ABSTRACT--.

Line 3, change "The invention concerns a" to  
--A--.

Line 4, after "element" insert --is provided--.

Line 8, after "blunted" insert --before sintering--.

Delete lines 12-15.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

On page 1 of the claims, delete line 1, and  
insert:

--What Is Claimed Is--.

Please cancel claims 1-12, without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims.

13. (New) ~~A method for manufacturing a sensing element for~~